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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NIMAIRI' S VISIT TO BRITAIN

REF: KHARTOUM 0652

1. FCO DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY LE QUESNE, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AFRICA, TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT NIMAIRI VISIT HAD BEEN GOING WELL AND THAT IT LOOKED LIKE COMPENSATION QUESTION WOULD BE TIDIED UP WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY. HE SAID SUDANESE WERE BEING QUITE REASONABLE. LE QUESNE PUT THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AT ISSUE AT ABOUT TEN MILLION POUNDS BUT DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE FINAL TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT WOULD BE.
2. FIRST TWO DAYS OF VISIT RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE IN LONDON PRESS AND " TIMES" PUT OUT SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON SUDAN FOR THE OCCASION (BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND KHARTOUM). SECURITY HAS BEEN A MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES AND AN EXTRA DETAIL OF PLAIN-CLOTHESMEN (INCLUDING, ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, MINI-SKIRTED GIRL AGENT WITH PISTOL IN HANDBAG) HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANYING NIMAIRI AS HE MOVES ABOUT LONDON.
3. COMMENT: LE QUESNE COULD HAVE BEEN JUMPING THE GUN IN HIS ASSESSMENT THAT COMPENSATION ISSUE WAS VIRTUALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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SETTLED. THERE WAS NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY PERSUADED THAT IT WAS. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE NIMAIRI VISIT AND THE RECENT MALCOLM MACDONALD MISSION TO TANZANIA HAD BROKEN LOGJAMS WHICH HAD BEEN TR

INDIAN, INDIAN PPT I-627337 ISSUED APRIL LO, L97 L, BLACK HAIR, BLACK EYES, HEIGHT UNKNOWN, MALE, TRAVEL AGENT IN BAGHDAD, IN U. K. L5 DAYS, WISHING VISIT SISTER MRS. MANUEL D. NUMAN, 2 LO FERRIS, HIGHLAND PARK, MICH. 482 O3, REFUSED LOL(A)(L5) LACK OF TIES.

7. SALEH, HUSEIN S., BORN MARCH LL, L92 O, IN ADEN, YEMENESE, DOCUMENT CID L4668, SEAMAN, EXCLUDED 22 L(G) FROM CREW LIST FOR BRITISH SHIP LYMINGE 3 099 L7 ARRIVING PHILADELPHIA O/ A APRIL 6, L973.

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